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ENTS.

MORE ACTIVITY IS REPORTED FROM THE MONESSEN MILLS

One Blast Furnace at Pittsburgh Steel Plant Placed in Operation

OTHER PLANTS OPERATING SOME

Considerable additional activity was scheduled to take place at the plant of the Pittsburgh Steel company, this morning, preparations having been made in a number of departments last week to begin operations.

One of the blast furnaces was scheduled to be placed in operation, along with a number of barbed wire machines. With the additional departments expected to resume more than two thousand additional men will go back to work.

In addition to the above, three open hearth furnaces will be in operation, the blooming mill, nail mill No. 2, the rod mill, with indications of increased production in all departments and a rather optimistic outlook for the future.

The American Sheet and Tin Plate company has been a big asset to Monessen during the present depression. It has been in continuous operation, from 75 to 80 per cent capacity, with from 19 to 21 of the hot mills in operation. The Page Steel and Wire company plant, owned by the American Chain company, is operating about 25 per cent capacity, but officials say that the outlook for the future is very good. The Pittsburgh Steel Products company has not made any announcement of further resumption. At present it is operating about 25 per cent capacity.

The Monessen Foundry and Machine company has worked right along, feeling very little effects of the depression until recently. The Carnegie Steel Hoop plant has been closed down for three weeks, and there is no indication of an early resumption.

However, what activity is under way in the Monessen mills is giving employment to a considerable number of men, with fair prospects that this number will be materially increased as the business conditions improve.

DEMONSTRATION AT SOUTHERN FURNITURE CO.

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Catherine M. O'Rourke. Catherine M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel O'Rourke, died at the home of her parents this morning at 8:30 o'clock, aged 24 years. Funeral announcement later.

If the World Turned Its Back!

Would you give in and take "the easiest way" or would you fight for your God-given right to be a good man or a good woman.

Miss a meal but don't miss the Great Action in

"HALF A CHANCE"

A drama of the Depths and the Heights

Majestic Theatre, Today

AND TOMORROW

Safeguard for Your Funds

A Checking Account with the First National Bank assures the best safeguard for your funds—besides it is convenient, economical and business-like to pay all bills with this efficient medium.

4 Per Cent Interest Paid on Savings Accounts



ANOTHER COAL COMPANY FOR UP-RIVER SECTION

The River Seam Coal Company of Pittsburg has purchased 342 acres of coal at Round Bottom, on the Monongahela river, in the upper pools, for \$595,000. It is located three miles above Lock No. 11, at Uffington, W. Va., in what is known as the most romantic spot on the entire river. The river at that point makes a half circle of two miles, while it is only one-half mile across the land. The hills on both sides of the river come close to the water's edge.

INSTALL NEW OFFICERS FOR P. H. CIRCLE

One of the most enthusiastic and best attended meetings of Charleroi Circle 303 P. H. C. in many moons was that held on Friday evening last. Twenty-five applications for membership were acted on and favorably accepted. Fourteen new members were initiated, and drill ceremony being put on by the Ladies' Banner Degree Team, which was most favorably impressive in all manner. The floor movement and drill work in connection with the beautiful ceremony was a pleasing feature.

The Degree Team is composed of the following members, under the able direction of Mrs. Mary J. Schubert: Past President Minnie Lape; President, Mildred Allhouse; Vice President, Pearl Silbaugh; Guardian, Clara Martin; Chaplain, Effie Attleberger; Secretary, Cora Potts; Accountant, Elsie Smith; Treasurer, Nellie Hebb; Guide, Laura McCoy; Companion, Gertrude King; Sentinel, Gordie Little; Watchman, Mabel Warwick. This organization as a Degree Team bids air to rank among the leading teams in the eastern district.

State Deputy, M. G. Cochran of the Grand Circle was present and installed the new officers for the current term of six months, Mrs. Mary J. Schubert, local Deputy and Thomas Peake of the local Circle as Guide and Grand Secretary, respectively, assisted in the installation.

Arrangements will be completed at a committee meeting to be held this evening at the home of George Stabile for the annual Valentine Social, to be held in the P. H. C. Hall next Friday evening. Members may bring a friend to enjoy the social features of this social. Regular lodge services will begin at 7 p. m. sharp.

Much interest has been taken by members of the local circle in the trip to Buffalo, next June. Quite a number of members have already qualified for the trip.

Notice The Ladies of St. Jeromes church will hold a euchre in the lyceum Tuesday evening 207-t1.

Coal Run of mine. No crop or red coal. 11c per bushel at mine. Carson-Stroud Coal Co. 204-t6.

C. E. ALUMNI FORM A NEW SOCIETY

Sunday evening at the meeting of the Senior Endeavor Society of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, an "Alumni Association," an organization recently recommended by the society headquarters, was formed. The new organization formed last night is the first in Washington county and started off with a membership of fourteen. O. M. Wise who for years was president of the local society, was elected president of the new society, and Miss Elizabeth Wise, secretary. Mrs. Elliott Allman represented the county cabinet at the meeting last evening and the new organization will have all encouragement for the local society of the church.

ARBOR DAYS DESIGNATED BY GOVERNOR SPROUL Governor Sproul has designated April 15 and 22 as the Spring Arbor Days. Under the laws of Pennsylvania these days are also to be designated as bird days.

MINER BLOWN TO BITS BY TONOBEL

After lighting the fuse it is said attached to a piece of tonobel, an explosive many times as powerful as dynamite, and used in mine blasting, Joseph Youell, aged 65, an English miner of Granville, near Coal Centre, Sunday morning walked from the door of his home and had gone only a few feet when he was blown to bits. The whole procedure was witnessed by a small girl, a neighbor who was so close that she was slightly injured.

The girl said Youell walked from the door of his home, the sputtering fuse dangling from his overcoat pocket. Fellow miners told of Youell having tonobel in his possession. Deputy Coroner Jas. Mines said Youell told him several days ago he was going to end his life. Youell was a bachelor and lived alone. Despondency is believed to have prompted his act.

DEATH OF JACOB TOMER IN DONORA ON SUNDAY

Jacob Tomer, for many years a resident of Rostraver township and lately of Donora, died at his home Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock, aged 45 years. Funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon. He is survived by his widow and six children, four sisters and one brother. Of late Mr. Tomer was superintendent of the Al-orado mine, in Rostraver township.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Yurish, Thursday, February 3—a daughter, Dorothy Clara.

Maurice Tourneur presents the screen version of Neil Burgess' Famous Rural American Racing Drama
"THE COUNTY FAIR"
with little freckle faced Wesley Barry. Watch for band
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
COYLE THEATRE

SET FREE AFTER SERVING ONE MONTH

After serving one month of a four-year sentence in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., "Jack" Ramsey, 55 years of age, of Fayette county, walked out of the office of United States Marshal John F. Short in Pittsburgh on Friday morning, a free man. Ramsey was convicted recently of robbing the Fredericktown postoffice and faced not only the four-year sentence the conviction carried, but also a parole sentence of six years and eight months on an old charge.

Following Ramsey's conviction evidence tending to show that Ramsey had been "framed" was presented to Judge W. H. S. Thomson, before whom he was tried. Last week Judge Thomson issued an order directing that the finding of the jury and the sentence be set aside. Marshal Short went to Atlanta for Ramsey and on Friday the prisoner was released on his own recognizance, with little likelihood, it is declared, of his being called for another trial. Ramsey admits a previous prison record.

LOCK FOUR FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT

The home of Frank Sylvester on Allen avenue, North Charleroi, was badly damaged by fire last Saturday evening. The fire was discovered about 8:30 o'clock, on the second floor either from an open grate, or a leaky gas pipe. The house was five-room bungalow, and three of the rooms were badly damaged. The Charleroi fire department was summoned, but had considerable difficulty in reaching the scene, which is on the hill, because of the muddy condition of the streets there. However, as soon as they arrived on the scene they soon had the flames under control. The loss will amount to several hundred dollars.

Charles Wickenham, city treasurer of Monongahela died at his home in that city this morning after a lingering illness. He is known to many business people in Charleroi, having been a former traveling salesman for a wholesale produce house before taking up the duties of city treasurer.

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ALLEGED FRAUDS IN RECENT ELECTION PLANNED BY MINERS

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What you want in the Classified column of the Mail.

CLOSE GAME LOST TO CONNELLSVILLE

The Conneltsville high school girls' basket ball team defeated the local girls last Saturday afternoon, in one of the best contests ever witnessed here. Both teams were quite evenly matched, and the final result was very much in doubt until the referee's whistle terminated play. The visitors played a strong game, showing much proficiency in floor work. They were not so successful, however, in their goal throwing. The splendid defensive work of the locals put quite a crimp in Conneltsville's efforts to cage the sphere, as the final score shows. Charleroi scored seven field goals, while the visitors secured but five. Charleroi can attribute the loss of the game to their frequent fouling. The summary:

Charleroi—17 Conneltsville—19
Piersol F Tennant
Sangston F Guynn
Phillips C Buttemore
Provins G Myers
Speers G Love

Substitutions—Charleroi, Wilson for Provins, Provins for Speers; Conneltsville—Long for Love, Love for Myers. Field goals—Piersol 2, Sangston, Phillips 4; Tennant, Guynn 2, Buttemore 2. Foul goals—Piersol, 3 out of 8; Tennant, 0 out of 1; Guynn, 9 out of 17. Timekeepers—Miller and Templeton. Scorers—Adams and Daniel. Referee—Wagner.

LOCALS PLAY DUKES TUESDAY NIGHT

The Charleroi high school basket ball team will play the Duquesne boys on the latter's floor, tomorrow evening, and a good game is anticipated. Charleroi is in second position in the race, with McKeesport leading, and the other contenders are now in condition, and playing good basket ball. To maintain or improve the position they already hold, Charleroi will have to travel fast, and they are going to Duquesne with the avowed intention of winning. It is expected that a number of the team's local supporters will accompany the players on the trip.

Say that Many Locals were Voted that have Been Out of Existence

MAY HOLD SPECIAL CONVENTION

Possibilities of a special international convention of the United Mine Workers of America to discuss alleged frauds in the recent election of international and district officers were suggested on Sunday at a delegate mass meeting of insurgent members of the Pittsburgh district held at the Monongahela House in that city. No direct charges against individuals were made at the meeting and no action taken other than to instruct the policy committee to draw up a program for announcement at a second meeting to be held on the 27th of February. The affidavits and accusations will be circulated in pamphlet form among the various local unions of the district in the meantime.

Specifically, the insurgents allege that fraudulent returns were made from the vote cast in this district, officially District No. 5, for John L. Lewis of Illinois, international president; Phillip Murray, of Pittsburgh, international vice president, and Robert R. Gibbons, president; P. T. Fagan, vice president, and William Hargest, secretary-treasurer of District No. 5.

As a means of obtaining this alleged fraudulent count they say, 21 local unions, now out of existence, were voted for their full strength, the majority of the ballots being cast for Lewis, Murray, and the District No. 5 officials. Affidavits purporting to prove tampering with the vote in several specific instances in various districts were produced.

Delegates to Sunday's meeting claimed to represent 81 local unions out of 225 in the district. Because of the wording of the union constitution, however, it was stated that there was little chance of obtaining redress for the alleged frauds. They refrained from taking definite action until more local unions could be informed of the charges.

NO DISPOSITION MADE OF REWARD FOR FIREBUG

Disposition of the reward of \$6,000 offered by the County Commissioners of Fayette county and the Perry township school board for "the arrest and conviction" of the pyromaniac responsible for the fires in and around Fayette City during the past fall has not yet been made. One of the county commissioners has stated the disposition of the reward would probably not be adjusted until the court had rendered a legal decision upon the matter. Harry Steinman of Fayette City appears to have the strongest claim on the money, but others have put in claims which must be recognized, it is said.

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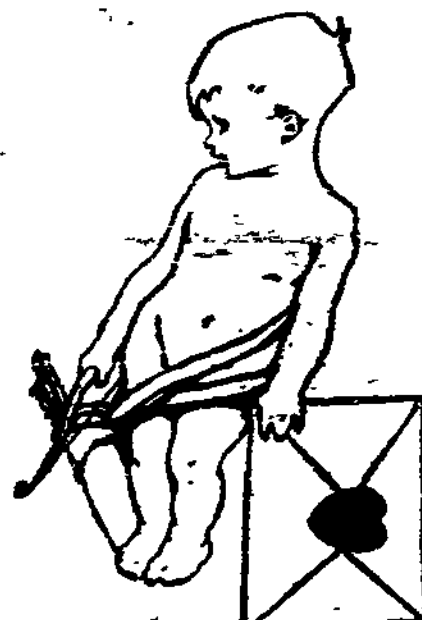
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WOMEN ON THE JURY

The difficulties of the new order, which makes no legal distinction between men and women, are becoming pretty serious in certain particulars; and yet it would appear that they can only be surmounted by disregarding the law. An American judge did this recently when he refused to allow women to form a part of the jury in a murder trial on the ground that its members would be looked up together every night until the end of the trial. He said that this would be impracticable, but what he really meant was that it would be improper. And yet under the new order the right to choose women jurors in such a case exists and could be insisted on.

Another and even more perplexing situation is reported from England. In the letters brought into a divorce suit there was evidence described as so "terrible" that the lawyers on both sides were indisposed to read them before a "mixed" jury. It was finally decided that these letters should be seen only by the men on the jury and the trial went on. Yet it is obvious that this was a clear violation of the fundamental principle on which the jury system rests and could be made the basis of a successful attack on the verdict reached if it displeased either the plaintiff or the defendant. The average conservative man and woman will think that the English court did the proper thing under the circumstances, but what advanced and cisistent feminists will they scoff at the mid-Victorian argument that some of the women on the jury were "unmarried" and insist that women jurors have equal rights with men to hear indecent letters read in public. Unquestionably the new order has its difficulties and the solution of some of the new order has its difficulties and the solution of some of the problems it presents is not in sight.

GREAT FORTUNES.

According to the statement of income receipts for the year 1918 issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the combined incomes of 68 Americans reached a total of more than a hundred and forty millions, and of the 68 one man's income alone was five millions, that of two others was from three to four millions, 11 possessed incomes of from two to three millions, 16 incomes from a million and a half to two millions, and 33 had incomes from one million to a million and a half. Twenty thousand persons reported in 1920 that they had incomes of \$50,000 a year. We learn further that the estimates give one millionaire to every 2100 of our inhabitants, which means that there are now 50,000 millionaires in this country.

War and after-war conditions, with opportunities for large operations as well as for profiteering, largely increased the country's rich men. The increase in our total wealth and many were newly enriched, and while the wages of workmen leaped to the highest peak, the middle classes to a large extent faced a serious struggle to make both ends meet. The figures for the great fortunes are rather startling. That single fortune that yields an income of five millions

a year can not fail, if held together, to increase by leaps and bounds until it reaches figures to stagger the imagination. The Government has taken and will for a period continue to take a heavy share of these vast incomes, but what is to be the final history of "swollen" fortunes that must grow prodigiously even without effort, if no limit should ever be fixed.

The Smith bill introduced into the Kansas legislature prohibits smoking cigars, cigarettes or any form of tobacco in or about "any church or school building," and forbids chewers to spit "on the furniture, appliances, walls or carpets" of any church or school building. Evidently the need of reform among both old and young Kansans is more urgent than uninformed outsiders would have supposed.

From a Pennsylvania theological Seminary comes an appeal to women to "cover their necks unless they want to get pneumonia." Such an appeal can have little interest for those who have learned by long experience that protection through clothing is a mere matter of habit. Moreover, there are physicians who hold that women are constitutionally better to stand exposure to cold than men.

It is now said to be generally admitted in the Capital that there will be no legislation of any consequence (beyond appropriations) by this Congress. There is usually a wide gulf between promise and performance, but the width of the gulf in this instance—considering the urgent need of tackling problems that clamor for solution—may be described as unusual.

FALL IN WHOLESALE PRICES OF MEATS REPORTED

According to Chicago reports the wholesale prices of meats in the large consuming centers have dropped 15 to 40 per cent since last September and retail prices have declined 11 to 40 per cent. It is further stated that sixty cents will purchase meat which cost \$1.00 five months ago.

Use the Classified Column.

HEALTH OF WOMEN.

How many perfectly well women do you know. Isn't it true that in order to keep up with the march of progress the endurance of woman is often strained to its utmost, and the tax upon her physical system is in many cases greater than she can stand. Headaches develop, and nervous irritability, backache, dragging down sensations and other painful ailments peculiar to women. The reliable remedy when a woman gets into such a condition is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as for nearly half a century it has proved the natural restorative for these troubles.

In sad and loving remembrance of our dear son, Lloyd Phorah Trinder, who died one year ago, February 6, 1920.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
Our little bud so sweet and fair,
Called forth by early doom;
Just came to show how sweet a flower
In paradise can bloom.
Ere sin could harm or sorrow fade,
Death came with friendly care,
Our little bud to heaven conveyed.
And bade it blossom there.
Our thoughts will ever linger in the
graveyard where you are laid.
Loved by all who knew him. Sadly
missed by his parents,
20711p Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Trinder.

OUR JOB DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS BUSY—THERE'S A REASON

Tracing British Names.

The word Scot, as applied to those living north of the Tweed, is said to have an interesting history. The word is the same as "Scythian" in etymology; the root of both is "set." The Greeks had "s" in their alphabet, and would change "t" into "th," so that the root became "sethi" by adding a "h" to the "t" we get "sethi" (Scythians) and "sethi" (Scots). The Welsh disliked "s" at the beginning of a word and would change it to "ys," they would also change "e" or "i" into "y," and "th" into "d." Therefore the Welsh root became "Ysgod," and "Skoth" would become "Ysgod." Now the Saxons would change the "g" back to "c" and the "d" to "t," and would cut off the Welsh "y," whence the word became "Scot." Before the Thirteenth century Scotland was called Caledonia or Alban; England, of course, is Albion.

Resilvering Mirrors.

It is usually safer to send the mirror to a resilvering works. It may be repaired by making use of another mirror as follows: Clean the bare portions of glass by rubbing gently with fine cotton, taking care to remove any trace of dust and grit. With point of penknife cut upon back of other mirror around a portion of the silvering of required form but a little larger; upon it place a small drop of mercury. The mercury spreads immediately, penetrates the amalgam to where it was cut with the knife, and the required piece may be lifted and removed to place to be repaired. Then press lightly the renewed portion with cotton; it hardens almost immediately and the glass will present a uniform appearance.

Tolstoy Tribute to Dickens.

Maxim Gorky published some jottings from his notebook of talks with Leo Tolstoy toward the end of the old man's life, and among them there is a curious appreciation of Charles Dickens, according to the continental edition of the London Mail. Tolstoy said of him: "Dickens has expressed a remarkable thought. He says life was given to us to be valiantly defended to the last breath. He was on the whole a sentimental and loquacious writer of mediocre intelligence. But he knew better than anyone how to put a novel together. He certainly did it better than Balzac. Both writers have left a number of badly written books, and yet Balzac had genius." The talks cover a wide range of subjects.

Scottish Legend.

The ancient stone, where the Scottish St. George is supposed to have slain his dragon is still to be seen over the door of Linton church. The glen where the alleged slaying took place is about 200 yards from the main road, close to the Cheviot Hills and about four miles from Linton. According to tradition the "worm" or serpent, a monstrous creature, lay in the glen, and did havoc amongst the cattle, sheep, and other animals for miles around and many attempts were made by the knights of old to slay it, with disastrous results to themselves, until a certain William de Somerville came along and successfully accomplished the feat. For this act he was granted all the lands in the parish of Linton.

Gambetta's Eye Preserved.

Very few of the hundreds of spectators who have seen Gambetta's heart carried in procession through Paris know that another portion of his body is above ground. Long before his death one of his eyes was so badly damaged by a blow that it had to be removed, says the continental edition of the London Mail. The doctor who performed the operation caused the eye to be specially treated to preserve it. It was placed in a small glass phial, which the doctor gave to one of his pupils, now practicing as an oculist in Paris. Its owner has expressed the intention of giving the eye either to the Gambetta family or to the state.

An imaginative writer in a current magazine tries to speculate in regard to conditions on a planet lighted and heated by more than one sun. Inasmuch as very many suns are "double," and doubtless others occur in twines, the notion of a planet enjoying the luxury of more than one sun is at least plausible. Presumably there are plenty of planets thus situated. Probably there are in the universe billions of inhabited planets, each one having its own conditions more or less unlike ours, and occupied perhaps by living creatures altogether different from ourselves or any that we know.

Hired to Sing for a King.

The most curious contract that ever an operatic star made was probably that of Farinelli, who, about the year 1734, was drawing an income of something like \$25,000 per annum. This singer afterwards visited Spain, where the king, Philip V, was suffering from mental depression, from which nothing aroused him until the advent of Farinelli. The queen was so delighted to see her royal spouse once more interested in anything that she engaged Farinelli at a salary of \$10,000 to remain in Madrid. This he did, singing the same four songs to the king every night for ten years.

Does Sometimes Seem That Way.

A Kansas editor declares that there are three requisites to wealth nowadays—the industry of the bee, the perseverance of the ant and the instincts of the hog. And the greatest of the three, it seems to the bystander, is the instincts of the hog—Des Moines Register.

Formation of "Green Ray."

The so-called "green ray" is the green coloration sometimes seen for a second or two in the narrow bit of the sun's disk projecting above the horizon at sunrise and sunset. Some irregular dispersion of the rays of light has been assumed to account for it, but it is found to be explainable by regular dispersion. In the latter view the earth's atmosphere acts as a prism to form a vertical spectrum of the sunlight. A Danjon and G. Rouquier, who have experimented at the Strasbourg cathedral, show that the blue and violet rays may be absorbed in traversing the great depth of air, and the green, being thus left at the end of the spectrum, is the last color seen. With a telescope a green fringe around the upper portion of the sun's disk at sunset has been seen for ten minutes under favorable conditions.

Keeps Metals From Tarnishing.

For protecting polished metals from tarnishing, a common agent is boracic oxide. This is applied as a very thin film, but is claimed to exclude atmospheric oxygen completely. The film melts at 550 degrees to 650 degrees C, according to its composition. Steel remains bright even when heated beyond the melting point of the coating, as the molten salt forms a perfectly gas-tight cover. The coating is fire-proof, does not evaporate and dissolves any oxidized metal on the heated surface. It can be applied by dusting on as powder, or by dipping the article to be annealed in a solution in water or wood alcohol. After use the coating may be peeled off, or dissolved off in warm water.

Mesmerism Named From Charlatan.

The word "mesmerism," meaning some form of hypnosis, came from a man who asserted at one time that he was a discoverer of the phenomenon. Frederic Antoine Mesmer came to public attention in Paris in 1778. The secrets of hypnosis have been known to a greater or less number of persons almost since the dawn of civilization, but being an uncertain science, it frequently was forgotten or discarded except by a small group of priests or wizards. Mesmer undoubtedly began in good faith, and with a real desire to aid suffering humanity. His hypnotic "cures" did just what similar "cures" do today—that is they were of benefit in certain forms of mental and nervous diseases.

St. Cecilia's Day.

St. Cecilia, in honor of whom musicians hold festival on November 22, sprang into popularity toward the end of the Seventeenth century. Concerts were held on this anniversary, and in her honor poems were written by Dryden, Addison, Pope and numerous lesser poets, and music was composed by Purcell, Doctor Blow and Handel. During recent years observance of St. Cecilia's day has been received by musical enthusiasts in Britain. But Cecilia, the young Roman matron, has no obvious association with music, for the casual expression, "cantabile organ" in the Latin legend merely refers to the playing of wind instruments at her wedding; and the whole story, though founded on fact, seems clearly to be a religious allegory.

Imprisoned Poets.

The most tragic of prison poets was probably one of "the last victims of the French Revolutionary Terror," Andre Chénier, whose "Jeune Tarantine" is as lovely as anything in the Greek Anthology. The most beautiful prison book ever written is Silvio Pellico's "Mie Prigioni." Yet prison life, even for poets, has not been all tragedy. A Spanish professor poet was confined on a subtle point of doctrine in the prisons of the Spanish Inquisition for over 11 years. At the end of that period he was released without a stain upon his character. He went back to the university and his lecture room, and began, "Well, gentlemen, as I was saying in my last lecture!"

There is a little mimosa that grows in the tropics which is so shy that, on being shaken or touched, it immediately closes up the dainty fronds of its little leaves, and they remain tightly closed until they think that they have given their disturbers time to pass on and leave them alone. Then they slowly and cautiously open out again until presently all the leaves are flat as before.

Original Sacrament.

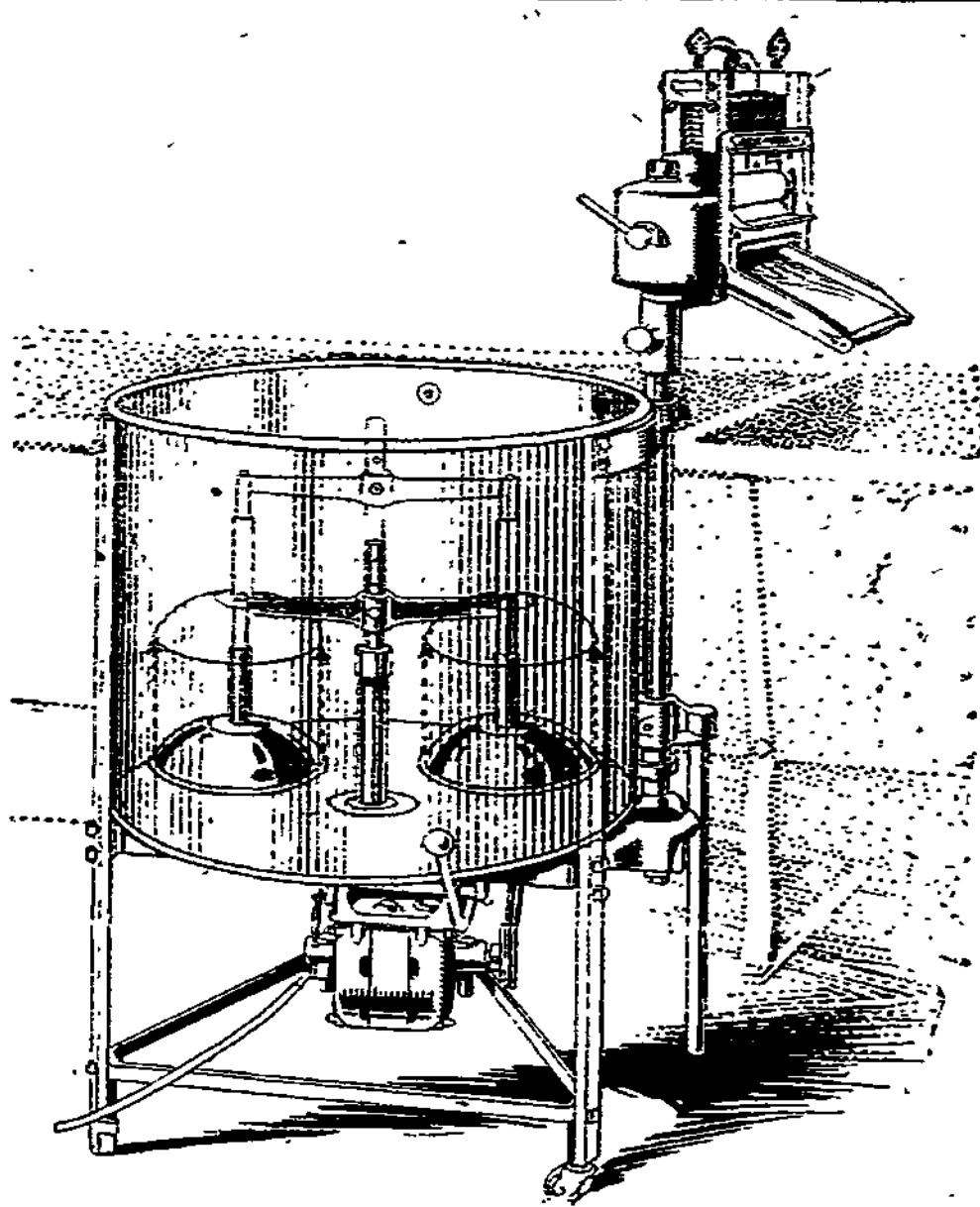
The sacrament may be termed an oath taken to fight manfully under the banner of Christ; originally the word meant a military oath taken by the Roman soldier, not to desert his standard, turn his back upon the enemy, or abandon his general. The early Christians used the word to denote a sacred mystery, and so it was applied to the eucharist.

Banish Gossip.

The "I have heard," "I have been told," "It has been said to me," "I have been told as a fact" contingent are the main factors of the machinery which keeps the pessimistic report factory in full operation. Let gossip be forced to produce facts, figures and authorities for its assertions, and vague, mischievous assertions will cease.—Exchange.

Making It Easy for Grandma.

Bobbie was invited to visit his grandmother for two weeks, and his mother had equipped him with plenty of pretty clothes. After trying them all on, he remarked: "You better let me wear them to play in, so I can get acquainted with myself, and then grandma will know me."



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"Tweedledum and Tweedledee."

We understand that the expression "tweedledum and tweedledee" is used to designate two things between which there is the smallest possible difference, and is applicable to disputes over trifles. It is also applied to nonsensical discussions such as the old logicians indulged in, e. g., when a farmer takes a pig to market, is the pig going with the farmer or the farmer going with the pig?—The Wire Message.

Lake's Level Has Fallen.

The pre-historic Lake Tahoe was larger and deeper than the present lake. During the Neocene epoch and earlier part of the Pleistocene epoch its water stood much higher, but in its overflow it has cut through the lava dams that maintained it at the height. Beaches that mark the former higher level are about 100 feet above the present surface and doubtless the water once stood even higher.

Reading When Drowsy.

To read or study when tired or drowsy is to strain the eyes to a dangerous degree, writes W. M. Carhart in Public Health. Avoid evening study whenever possible. If you are using your eyes by artificial light be sure the light does not shine directly into the eyes, and try to have it come from behind and to the left side so as to avoid the harmful glare.

Weight of the Hope Diamond.

Jean, Batiste Tavernier came into possession of the Hope diamond in 1642, stolen from the sacred golden statue of Rama, in the Temple of Rama and Sita, Burmah, India. It weighed 112 1/2 carats and was sold by Tavernier to Louis XIV for half a million dollars and a baronetcy.

No one ever begins to climb at the top, but an observant business man remarks that the trouble with many of our young people is that they do not seem to be aware of that fact. They are so assured of their own ability, and high desert that they claim the wrong end of the ladder.

Disagreeable Duties.

The easiest time to do a disagreeable duty is when we first decide it is a duty. Evasion and delay double the unpleasantness, and hours of foretaste and distaste are added to discomfort the decisive action that must come at last. Doling the disagreeable is a losing game.

No Important Climatic Changes.

There has been no well-authenticated changes of climate within the last 2,000 years. Changes due to man, such as deforestation, agriculture, the building of canals, railroads or telegraph have only a local effect.

Discouraging to Authors.

Lawdy! Lawdy! Now they're going to finger-print the new-born babies. What are our future novelists and scenario writers going to do when the mixed infants' plot becomes no longer plausible?—Boston Transcript.

Wisdom From Carlyle.

The world is a thing that a man must learn to despise, and even to neglect, before he can learn to reverence it and work in it and for it.—Carlyle.

Let's Go to Durham.

In the county of Durham, England, it is an old custom to give fruit cake and cheese to the first person met on the way to the church by a christening party.

Divorce Notice.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pa., Marie Elizabeth Smith vs. William Stanley Smith subpoena sur libel for divorce No. 446 February Term 1920.

Notice To Respondent

To William Stanley Smith respondent in the above mentioned case: You are hereby notified in pursuance of the Order of Court of Common Pleas of said County of Washington, to be and appear in the said Court on the second Monday of February next, being the 14th day of the month, to answer the petition of libel hereto preferred by the libellant, Marie Elizabeth Smith your wife and show cause if any you have, why the said Marie Elizabeth Smith should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you agreeably to the Act of Assembly, in such cases made and provided. Here of fail not under the penalty of having said petition heard and a decree of divorce granted in your absence.

Alexander B. Gray,
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office:

January 15, 1921.
Hugh E. Fergus, Atty.
Jan 24-31 Feb 7-14

Administratrix Notice.

Estate of P. E. Kramer, deceased, late of Borough of North Charleroi. Letters of administration upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment, and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

Lydia Kramer,
Administratrix.
Jan. 3-10-17-24-31-F-7

Remember your dead. W. S. Cook and Co. Monuments with Lawrence Frye Funeral Director. 208t

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WOMEN who have been able to postpone the buying of Winter Apparel until now will be able to get unusual values in Frocks, Coats and Suits at absolutely rock bottom prices. End of the season sales are final. Everything must be cleared immediately. The striking low prices are an indication of the widespread return of normal prices on all merchandise in the Store.

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Finish the season with one of these extremely low priced Suits. A very large selection of misses sizes.

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS THE MATTER?

When You Feel Out of Sorts and See Things With a Dull Eye

LOOK TO YOUR BLOOD

Pale Complexions, Languid Feelings, Lowered Vitality, Need More Red Blood. Take Pepto-Mangan

So many people spend week after week feeling down and out. They never stop to think that something really is the matter. They satisfy themselves by saying, "Oh, I'm not sick. I'll be all right tomorrow."

And tomorrow comes again and again. Still they feel depressed and languid, scarcely able to get around. If you don't feel like yourself, you are not yourself. If you are weak and pale, your blood needs strengthening. You should know about Pepto-Mangan, that famous blood tonic. Physicians recommend it and prescribe it because it contains just the ingredients needed to make red blood. It renews your energy, puts you where you ought to be. Begin with it today. Get the tablets if they will be more convenient to take than the liquid. Both have the same medicinal properties. But be sure you get the genuine Pepto-Mangan. Ask for "Gude's" and be sure the full name "Gude's Pepto-Mangan," is on the package.

A.d.vt.

STERLINGS WIN THIRD STRAIGHT GAME

The Sterling basketball team won their third consecutive game of the season when they defeated the Presbyterian team on Thursday night. Sheppard starred for the Sterlings while Lawhead played well for the Presbyterians. The line-up:

Sterlings—45	Presbyterians—5
Filipietz	F.
Sheppard	F.
Schafer	C.
Ritzer	G.
McKeown	G.
Field goals, Filipietz 2, Sheppard 11, Schafer 4, Ritzer 6; Lawhead, Khorni. Fouls, Sheppard 2, Ritzer; Hill. Substitutes, Hough for McKeown; McKeown for Hough; Hough for Ritzer; Korhni for Snyder	

WEEDING OUT THOSE WHO WON'T WORK

"We are weeding out the fellows who won't work. Those who remain must give a good day's work for the money," said an official of one of the plants in the coke region in Westmoreland county last week. In explaining a report that the plants were laying off men. A majority of the plants were working full time this week it was stated.

JOSEPH W. MARTIN TAKEN BY DEATH

Joseph W. Martin, former postmaster of Washington, chairman of the Democratic county committee for a number of years, and well known all along the Monongahela valley, died in California. Sunday morning, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Mr. Martin was 40 years of age, and had been critically ill for a week at the home of his father, Sylvester Martin, and his death was not unexpected. His active illness covered a period of ten months, six months of which had been spent in Pasadena, Cal.

Mr. Martin was born in Pittsburgh, but practically all his life was spent in this county, his parents having moved to that town when he was quite young. He attended the California Normal, from which institution he later graduated. He was for many years one of the leading Democrats of the county and was active in its campaigns.

For many years Mr. Martin was traveling salesman for the Colvin-Atwell wholesale grocery firm of Pittsburgh. Of recent years Mr. Martin was with the furniture department of the Kaufman stores in Pittsburgh. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Margaret Dewar of California, whom he married in October, 1900. His funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the M. E. church of California, conducted by Rev. Henry N. Cameron, formerly of the First church, Washington, assisted by Rev. W. C. Weaver of California. Interment in Highland cemetery.

Miss Katherine Schwaed who resigned her position with Louis Markowitz has now returned to his employ after an absence of three weeks.

FIREMEN ASK FOR PASSAGE OF BILL

Volunteer firemen from many parts of the state will ask the legislature to pass the Pike bill, punishing interferences with fire apparatus by automobiles, especially when on the way to a fire.

The Pike bill was drawn up to meet conditions in suburban districts where owners of cars have driven so close to fires as to hamper the firemen. The measure would provide a fine of \$25 for automobile drivers who race with the fire engine or hose wagons, and forbids parking of an automobile within 1,000 feet of any fire. This latter provision was inserted because of the interference with work of firemen and impossibility of establishing fire lines. Numerous letters in support of the bill have been received by members.

CALIFORNIA GIRL DIES FROM POISON

Miss Laura McDonough, of California, died in the Brownsville General hospital on Saturday of poisoning. The girl was taken to the hospital seriously ill a week ago, by her parents, who were not aware of the cause of her condition until after she had been admitted.

We have Solomon's word for it that in the multitude of counsellors there is safety. But there is also weariness for the counselled, and the Kansas City Times has good reason for thinking that Mr. Harding needs a long rest after "grappling with the most powerful minds that ever oscillated in a rocking chair."

Really Not Worth It. There is one way to keep people from talking about you. It is to say nothing, do nothing and be nothing. But it certainly isn't worth while.

Philadelphia's Early Day. Up to 1720 hunting partridges, doves and pigeons was common in the streets of Philadelphia. Then a law was passed against the practice.

Heard in a Restaurant. "Here, waiter, ask the orchestra to play the Toreador song while I eat this steak; I like to feel like a bull-fighter."

Conjuring at Home. From a novel—"She handed him an empty envelope, from which he extracted a letter."

LAI D BIBLE SCENES IN CHINA

Native Artist Had No Conception of Any Other Land Outside of His Own.

In north Fukien province there dwelt an artist who painted pictures on silk for the gentry of his little village. The people in this secluded hamlet nestled amid the hills, had never seen automobiles or airplanes, nor did they take the long journey to Shanghai to watch the great steamers come in laden with merchandise and messages from the ports of the world. But they knew the words of Confucius and Lao-tse and they lived and died with simple dignity as their fathers had done before them. One evening the artist, who had been working all day on a memorial portrait, strolled out into the dark, cool street to refresh his tired soul, writes Elsie F. Well in Asia Magazine. The tiny white church of the foreign god beyond the tea shop was brilliantly lighted. The artist stood a moment in the open door. The young missionary was talking most eloquently; he was not preaching, but he seemed to be telling stories that were as fascinating as those recited in the bazaars. Almost in spite of himself the artist sank unobtrusively into an empty seat. For the first time he heard some of the beautiful old stories of the Bible, which have held the people of the West enthralled for 2,000 years. And the artist returned to his home and made pictures of the story of Noah and the flood, and of the parables of the lost sheep and of the prodigal son and of many others that were in the book of the western missionary. But he had never heard of the Palestine. To him Noah was Chinese, and the lost sheep belonged to a farmer of his province and the prodigal son might well have been a dissolute youth of his own village.

TWO IDEAS OF CIVIL LIBERTY

Difference Between Governments of Greece and Rome and Those of the Gothic Tribes.

There was this radical difference between the governments of Greece and Rome and those of the Gothic tribes. In the former the state was everything, the individual nothing; the state was thought to have a perfect right to the property, liberty, and even life of its citizens. In the latter the individual was everything and the state comparatively nothing; all rights were thought to exist to inhere by nature in the individual; and the state could demand nothing from him for public use without giving him an equivalent. Here we find the fundamental principle of civil liberty; that principle which has been so carefully guarded in the English and in all the Anglo-American constitutions, and which was so happily and tersely expressed by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence. Our rude Saxon ancestors, though under a kingly government, had more real liberty, and a more just appreciation of the true dignity of man, than had the polished citizens of the republics of the Mediterranean. The legislative authority was vested in the witenage-mote, or assembly of wise men.—Dexter A. Hawkins.

Remorseful Ghost.

A pathetic story is told of the ghost of Bisham abbey. It is said that the wife of Sir Thomas Hobby was unusually severe with her son, who, it seems, had a peculiar aversion to writing, and in his obstinacy would wilfully blot his copybooks. One day his mother, enraged at his perverseness, lost her self-control and beat the poor boy so unmercifully that he died from his injuries. Since then one of the bedrooms in the abbey has been haunted by the specter of the cruel woman, who glides through the chamber in the act of washing the bloodstains from her hands.

It is stated that some years ago, when an old window shutter of the sixteenth century was removed, "a packet of antique copybooks of that period was discovered pushed into the wall between the joists of the skirting, and several of these books, on which young Hobby's name was written, were covered with blots."

It is at the cinema theaters that the Cariocas (citizens of Rio de Janeiro) know real comfort; for, unlike our moving-picture houses, those in Rio have spacious waiting-rooms, where you sit, listening to excellent music, until the hour for the first reel comes round. The pioneer house of the kind inaugurated this custom, and now the people refuse to stand outside waiting for the even hour to arrive or to enter after the film has started. With so much profitable space taken from the auditorium, the movies in Rio Janeiro are not as great money-makers as with us. The American favorites are popular, quite outclassing Italian and Brazilian film stars.—Harriet Chambers Adams in National Geographic Magazine.

Inspect Moths by Machine.

An elaborate machine called the choselki is used by the Japanese in the inspection of silkworms for disease. The machine in the inspection house of Nagano prefecture requires 2,000 microscopes and a large corps of workers.

Moths are made to lay their eggs each on one square of sheets of cardboard bearing 28 numbered squares. They then are killed, their bodies pulverized and examined. If the bacilli are found, the square containing the eggs laid by the diseased moths is cut out and burned.—Japan Advertiser.

CIVIC ORDINANCE IN JAPAN

All Houses Have Tablet Telling Name of the Responsible Dweller Within the Walls.

In Japan you can learn a good many things about the resident of a house merely by looking at his door. According to police regulations, says a writer in Chambers' Journal the entrance to every residence must have a small wooden tablet affixed to it. This tablet has the name and the number of the house on it, and on another tablet is the name of the responsible householder, who in many cases is an infant, a younger brother of a relative.

Sometimes, though rarely, the names of other inmates are placed over the door, but there is no police regulation that requires it, except in the case of boarding houses, which have to place their boarders' names outside for all to see. A person fortunate enough to possess a telephone always has the number proudly displayed over his entrance. Near it you will often see a quaint enameled or tin disk. That is the fire insurance mark. Every fire insurance company has its own special metal plate, which it nails to the lintel when it insures a house.

There are always several small pieces of paper pasted over the door, placed there by the police. One is to certify that the periodical oshoji, or great cleaning, has taken place. Another paper tells us, perhaps, that the sanitary conditions are satisfactory. What others stand for is known only to the police themselves; that they give secret information about the inmates is certain.

Formerly it was the rule that, if there was a well upon the premises, the fact had to be proclaimed by a square board marked with the character for well—ido. This was to show where people could obtain water in case of fire in the neighborhood. The regulation may still be in force in country places, but owing to water now being piped, it is no longer enforced in the cities.

HELPED PAY AMERICA'S DEBT

How Mrs. Monroe Was Instrumental in Saving the Life of Madame Lafayette.

An interesting sidelight on history lies in the story of how the wife of James Monroe, fifth President, saved the life of Madame Lafayette at the time Monroe was American ambassador to France. Lafayette himself was in prison in Germany, and kept in a foul dungeon. Mrs. Lafayette had been seized by the Revolutionists, and was confined in the prison of La Force, and a date had been set for her execution. The Monroes were very much alive to the great debt America owed the young aristocrat, and Mrs. Monroe determined to do what she could.

She ordered the state coach of the embassy, with its flaring coat of arms to deliver her to the doors of the prison of La Force, and once there, calmly requested an interview with the unfortunate prisoner. An interview with a person sentenced to the knife was unheard of, but the dawning power of the United States was such that the officials dared not refuse the request of the ambassador's wife. A few words were exchanged between the women, and Mrs. Monroe drove away. The next morning she was liberated, the French Revolutionists fearing to execute her, and desiring thus to secure the friendly attention of the new nation. It was a daring thing to do, for the results might have been disastrous and all sorts of international complications might have arisen.

Oysters Have Many Enemies.

Between the planting and the harvest, an interval of from two to five years, the oyster culturist assumes many hazards. On the New England coast, after all his material is down, the fickle "set" may not appear, possibly because at the critical time some weather disturbance may have killed the baby oysters while they were yet swimming near the surface. In the Gulf of Mexico the "set" may be so heavy that there is scant room for the oysters to grow, and many die, while those that are left are half starved and misshapen from crowding. Even when the little oysters or "spat," have attached themselves in favorable numbers, their perils have just begun. They are never safe from other enemies until they fall into the hands of their arch foes.

DEMONSTRATION AT THE SOUTHERN FURNITURE CO.

The Colonial Carpet Company have installed a carpet washer in this city. Cleans rugs or carpets right on the floor. Don't fail to see demonstration at the Southern Furniture Company Store this evening. Leave all orders for cleaning at the Leith Electric Company or call 5 J. Bell Phone. 20711*

YOUNG CARMEN WINS BY KNOCK-OUT ROUTE

Young Carmen, of Charleroi, knocked out Young Leonard in the tenth round of a 15-round bout at New Orleans on the 5th of February. Carmen outclassed his opponent in every round. The Charleroi boy made a big hit with the fans and has been offered a bout with Pal Moran.

Does as He's Told.

"There's one thing I'll say for him. 'What's that?' 'He has the courage of his convictions and his wife is a fine girl.'"



FOR SALE—One good five roomed house McKean avenue. Inquire A. L. Dubinsky 407 Fallowfield avenue. 190-tf

FOR SALE—Brass bed, springs dresser, chiffonier, gas stove, dining table, 4 chairs and rug. Apply between 1 and 8 p. m. at 303 Meadow avenue. 20-t5p

FOR SALE—Five rooms, Ninth Street, only \$3800.00 and cannot be built for same. A. L. Dubinsky, 407 Fallowfield avenue. 202tf

FOR SALE—Farm, 23 acre farm. Inquire 525 Mail office. 205-t4p

FOR SALE—Buckeye, coal burning brooder, will take care of from 50 to 1,000 chicks. Used just once, cost \$22.50. My price \$15.00. Have gas burners for same. Am selling out the Poultry business. Apply 539 McKean avenue. 206-t3p

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FOR RENT—A good business building April 1st. Will remodel to suit owner. See A. L. Dubinsky, 407 Fallowfield avenue. 190tf

FO RENT—Two furnished front rooms for housekeeping 212 Washington avenue. 205-t4p

FOR RENT—Large front room, furnished for one or two men. 811 Fallowfield. 206-t2p

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call 40-M, Bell phone. 206-t2p

FOR RENT—Furnished room, for one or two gentlemen. 315 Fifth street. 207-t3p

FOR RENT—One furnished room. Inquire 203 McKean avenue. 207t3p

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Good wages, 616 McKean. 198-tf

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Good wages. Inquire 524 Mail office. 203-tf

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms for housekeeping. Send address to 523 Mail office. 202t3-p

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms for housekeeping by couple without children. Address Mrs. Paul Tomik, 444 Second Street, Donora, Pa. 206-t2p

WANTED—Experienced housekeeper, middle aged woman preferred. Good wages to right party.—Apply 433 McKean avenue. 206-tf

WANTED—Stenographer. Preferably between ages 25 and 40, also required to attend to bookkeeping duties. Bookkeeping experience unnecessary. Write 527 Mail office. 206-t6p

WANTED—Two or three unfurnished rooms for housekeeping. Send address to 529 Mail office. 207-t6p

WANTED—Washing by the day. Inquire A. Lusk, Lock No. 4, Pa. 207-t3p

WANTED—By two young gentlemen, 2 single rooms with board in strictly private family, near Fifth street preferred. Apply Box 528, Charleroi Mail. 207-t3p

USE THE CLASSIFIED COLUMN.

BRIDE OBSCURES THE GROOM

Louisiana Court Has Solemnly Held That the Man Does Not Attract Any Attention.

It is at last judicially determined that the groom at a wedding is merely a necessary incident, accessory, or piece of furniture. The bride is the whole cast. In a divorce action in Louisiana, in which defendant denied he was the man who had married plaintiff, and his identity with the bridegroom was in issue, the court says:

"The only evidence introduced by the defendant in support of his denial that it was he who married plaintiff in Indianapolis on October 9, 1911, was the testimony of the Probate Judge who performed the ceremony and that of the proprietor of the Imperial hotel. The Probate Judge and the proprietor of the Imperial hotel both testified that they had identified the plaintiff as soon as she had spoken to them when they stepped off the train in New Orleans; and from that circumstance, counsel for defendant argue that the Probate Judge and the proprietor of the hotel would surely have been able to identify the defendant if he were the individual to whom plaintiff was married by the judge in presence of the hotel proprietor. We do not think so. With due respect for his honor, the Probate Judge, and for the proprietor of the Imperial hotel, it may be that the bride attracted more attention than the groom."—From West's Docket.

MUST BREAST TAPE TO WIN

Starter in Life's Race Foolish to Handicap Himself by Forebodings That Hinder Success.

Don't be hampered at the start of life's race by the thought that perhaps there is something about you that hinders success.

Don't run yourself out. Take a gait that you can hold. Don't endanger your health or sacrifice your happiness by overeffort. The man who runs too fast at the start lags at the finish unless he has extraordinary staying powers.

One morning, over in France, there was a call to go over the top. The officer in addressing the men told them what was to be accomplished and who was to lead them. It was a desperate task that was being undertaken, and a pale-faced young fellow was the man upon whom the great burden had been put.

"Why did you choose Jones to lead that expedition?" the commanding officer was asked, after the attack had proved successful.

"Because," said he, "once he gets started all hell can't stop him."

That's a great reputation for a man to have on the field or the farm, in the office or out on the job.

Train yourself so that once you get started nothing on earth can keep you from making a finish creditable to yourself and to your job.—F. A. Walker in Chicago Daily News.

Improved Lighting System.

The advantages of electric lamps that can be moved about from one place to another may now be considered in installing the lighting system in the home or elsewhere. The new system requires no cord connection; but a novel type of plug, to be used with a special outlet, gives portability not only to the lamp bulb, but to the entire fixture. The outlets are located in the parts of the room or establishment where occasional as well as permanent lighting may be desirable. The plug has curved blades instead of the ordinary straight ones, and is easily attached to any fixture. The outlet has two parallel slots in a rounded triangular center. As the plug is inserted with the curved blades pointing upward, electrical and mechanical connection are formed, and the heaviest household fixture is safely supported. The outlet will also receive the standard parallel-blade plug used with cord connections. To change a lamp from its regular one it is simply necessary to lift the fixture from its old location and plug it into the desired outlet.

The latest thing in pawnshops is one for motorcars. Heretofore pawnshops have been reserved for the class that want to put up their watch or dress suit, but now, with so many workmen owning flyovers, those who are on the inside of the pawning business decided that a similar institution for motor cars would be had.

The motorcar pawnshop is located near Columbus Circle, in the heart of "Gasoline Row." Here, when the motor owner is short of ready money, he may drive his "fly" and place it in "lock." If he fails to pay back the loan with interest the car is sold as second hand. All in all, it is said to be the most profitable business for these pioneers in the pawning business, and they always have a hundred or more cars of all kinds and conditions on hand.—New York Sun.

Old Papal Palace Restored.

The ancient castle of Avignon, near Lyons, France, papal residence from 1309 to 1417, has been recently restored, and it is planned to furnish it with medieval furniture from the Vatican. The mayor of Avignon appealed to the mayor of Rome to help in obtaining the desired furniture from the Vatican's administration.

Up to now the famous castle is unfurnished and there is nothing within in the building to remind one of the splendor of the fourteenth century.

Work.

If the busy rich people watched and rebuked the idle rich people, all would be right among them; and if the busy poor people watched and rebuked the idle poor people, all would be right among them. But each looks for the fault of the other. A hard-working man of property is particularly offended by an idle beggar; and an orderly but poor workman is naturally intolerant of the licentious luxury of the rich. And what is severe judgment in the minds of the just men of either class becomes fierce enmity in the unjust—but among the unjust only. None but the dissolute among the poor look upon the rich as their natural enemies or desire to pillage their houses and divide their property. None but the dissolute among the rich speak in opprobrious terms of the vices and follies of the poor.—John Ruskin.

Russian Folk Songs Pathetic.

The Russian songs are most pathetic in character. Many of them are written in the Phrygian mode, and even those that begin in a major key often end in the minor, or perhaps on the supertonic of the key, or on some other minor chord which sounds strange and melancholy to western ears. The Russian folk songs are remarkable for their polyphonic tendency. According to Melgounov, a great authority, the "horovodi" or choral song, was accompanied by secondary parts called "podgoloski," which ornamented and imitated the principal voice in a kind of free counterpoint. These part songs are mostly in celebration of ecclesiastical festivals, of the different seasons, or of country pursuits and occupations.

Imaginary Pain.

Long after his wounds are healed a returned soldier may feel pain in them. This pain, according to Dr. Arthur F. Hurst, physician and neurologist to Guy's hospital, London, is due to the impression made on the patient's mind by the original pain. In spite of the fact that the cause of the pain has gone, his mind has got so accustomed to feeling the pain that he continues to feel it. "It has generally been ascribed," said Doctor Hurst in a recent lecture before the Royal College of Surgeons, "to nerve fibers becoming involved in scar tissue, but nothing abnormal may be found at operation." Such patients are rapidly cured when the matter is thoroughly and carefully explained to them.

Pipes Credited to Greeks.

The invention of the pipes is credited to the ancient Greeks, and a similar instrument to the Hebrew tribes. In the fifteenth century the bagpipe was the favorite instrument throughout Germany. The first instruments were constructed from the hide of a sheep, and through holes in the side four pipes were thrust. One of them, the chanter, had holes similar to those of a flute, and was capable of reproducing a number of notes. The other three were drones, and could sound but a single note. Little change has been made in the instrument through the centuries except in the matter of decoration and the range of tones that are identified with the harsh skirling.—Detroit News.

East Indian Superstition.

The moon's release from the jaws of a mythical demon was anxiously watched and prayed for by thousands of people throughout India during the last eclipse. Hindus regard an eclipse as the act of a demon called Rahu, who is believed to swallow the moon and then disgorge it. On the Howrah bridge, in Calcutta, dense crowds waited for the first glimpse of the veiled moon; then with one voice they cried out: "Isko Chhodo! Chhodo!" ("Let it go! Leave it!") Before dusk the River Hooghly was thronged with bathers, as bathing during an eclipse is considered a soul-saving act. Beggars swarmed through the city, and as it is a virtue to give freely on these occasions they collected plenty of small coins.

Palaces are now the abodes of princes or kings, but the word was once used in a totally different sense. Phillips gives the derivation from pallicia, pales or paled fences. In Devonshire a palace was a storehouse; in Totness "a landing place, inclosed but not roofed in." Thus in an old lease drawn in 1703 we come upon the clause, "all that cellar . . . and the little palace and landing-place adjoining the river Dart." In the forty-fifth Psalm, the eighth verse, is the sentence "out of ivory palaces," that is the storeplaces of cabinets made of ivory.—London Times.

"Penelope's web," meaning a work that never progresses, comes from Greek mythology. Penelope, the wife of Ulysses, being importuned by several suitors during her husband's long absence, made reply that she could not marry again, even if Ulysses were dead, till she had finished weaving a shroud for her aged father-in-law. Every night she pulled out what she had woven during the day, and thus made no progress toward the completion of the shroud. The French say of a work "never ending, still beginning." c'est l'enlèvement de Penelope.

Wall of the Pessimist.

Jack's parents had never left him to attend parties until he had almost reached the age of five. One night he was left with friends while his parents attended a dinner party. He said gloomily then: "I might as well be an orphan."

WATER "CURES" OLD BELIEF

In Both Ancient and Modern Days Fountains Have Been Considered Pools of Healing.

When you drink mineral water do you do it because you believe in its curative properties or because you are superstitious? Or both?

Extraordinary virtue has been attributed to the waters of pools and streams by nearly all peoples of all times. Among the modern Greeks to-day we find the remnants of the old belief that the water from the Grotto of Macedonia would cure all those who drank if they entered the cave with a lamp or torch in one hand and a pitcher in the other, filled the pitcher and left some scrap of clothing behind, going silently and not turning back from "being scared by the noises that ensued." And not only in Greece, but in England, there are many spots where the bushes around a certain pool will be hung thick with shreds of clothing left by those who came to be cured.

According to modern Greeks the mineral springs are under the protection of the Nereids, and the virtue of the water depends upon it being drunk in silence and with appropriate sacrifice. Old Church of England canons dating back to 1102 forbid the worship of wells without the bishop's permission, attributing the custom to heathenism and a survival of the worship of the fountain as a symbol of the source of life. It was pointed out then that the naming of wells was as old as the days of the Patriarchs; that Abraham and Isaac are both spoken of in the Bible as having done so, but that worshipping them was a different matter.

DESIRED TO TAKE THE VEIL

Oldest Daughter of Thomas Jefferson Attracted by Quiet Life Within Convent Walls.

Martha Jefferson, oldest daughter of Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, came near to being a Catholic sister. She was a student at the school of Abbaye de Fontenay at the time the French Revolution was in progress. The daring and dippant infidelity of the French frightened and disgusted her, and she clung to the calm and serene life of the convent with all her strength. Her mother had taught her in the ways of the Church of England, but the surroundings at the school overreached this, and she decided to become a nun.

"She wrote to her father asking his permission to adopt the veil," No answer came for several days, and then Jefferson appeared in person. He greeted the girl with a tender smile, interviewed the abbess, and then came out and told the girl to pack her things. Her school life was ended at that moment, and the next day she was introduced to society and made the mistress of her father's household. She declared years afterward that neither she nor her father had ever alluded to the subject by a single word from that day on.

Historic Stratford-on-Avon.

The history of Stratford-on-Avon may be traced back for a period of 1,100 years, and as the birthplace of Shakespeare is has become a classic center visited annually by some 50,000 people. The Guard house, where Shakespeare was born; Shottery, where he courted Anne Hathaway; Charlotte park, once the seat of Sir Thomas Lucy, whose displeasure Shakespeare incurred by stealing his deer; the Shakespeare Memorial theater, on the banks of the Avon, and Shakespeare's monument, are all places worthy of visiting in the old market town of Stratford-on-Avon.

The Shakespeare hotel, situated in the center of the town and close to the Shakespeare Memorial theater, was erected in the fourteenth century. A few doors from Shakespeare hotel is the Harvard House, which was the early home of the Harvard family, founders of Harvard university.

We literates have been taught to read poetry, and taught also that it is highly commendable to enjoy it. In order to know what kind of poetry ought to be especially enjoyed, we read other books, written by critics. In order to understand what the poetry that ought to be admired means, we read other books by professional grammarians. By the time we have finished this preparatory reading, we are somewhat confused. We are in doubt as to what poetry actually is, and how it differs from prose. In this predicament we fall back on the printer. If every line begins with a capital letter, we assume that it is poetry.—Samuel McChord Crothers in the Atlantic Monthly.

India's Fertility.

India, more than half the size of Europe, has every variety of surface, climate and production. The contrast between the level monotony of the Great plain and the beautiful contours of the Nilgiri and Palney hills is no greater than that between the arid heat of Jacobabad and the polar frigidity of the Himalayas; or that between the palm groves of Cochín and the wheat fields of Ljallpur. The productivity of India extends over three zones: the tropical, sub-tropical, and temperate; though on account of varying elevations these do not always comply with mere considerations of latitude.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN AFRICA

Pretty Picture of a Charming Abode in the Hills Above the Old Town of Algier.

Christmas day, in Africa! And what a dream of beauty and color, blue sea, blue sky, groves of eucalyptus and olive trees, climbing roses, white-robed Arab women closely veiled, their eyes only showing, bare brown legs and feet, sometimes a silver bracelet on one leg, donkey boys with a nondescript, flowing garment, a red fez on their heads; color everywhere. Our villa is charming, stands in a little wood of eucalyptus trees, with a big garden, balconies, terraces and marble steps, large, high rooms and lovely views on all sides. Mme. Waddington writes from Algiers to Scribner's. It is quite in the country, five or six kilometers from Algiers, very high up in the hills. Very few people live in the town and the whole hillside is studded with villas. Moorish almost all, dazzling white, flat roofs and narrow windows. Quite at the top, where we are, there are some very comfortable Eastern modern houses. I am writing at my window, which gives on a terrace, from which there is a divine view of the sea and the snow mountains of the Djurlura, miles away in Kabylie, and from one corner through the faded drooping leaves of the eucalyptus I have a glimpse of the town of Algiers, lying a long, white streak far below.

The drawing-room is a delightful room—runs all the width of the house, with windows on three sides, so that we always have the sun. The furniture is sketchy, not much of it, and what there is is very ugly, but when the Paris cases arrive, with a few tables and chairs and silver, the room will look very different. There are some carpets in the house, which are absolutely necessary, as all the floors are tiled. However, Charlotte has done wonders with the meager material she has.

NATION'S DEBT TO PILGRIMS

Their Famous Compact of Government Rightly Treasured as a Great State Document.

In the harbor at the tip of Cape Cod occurred the first birth and the first death among the Pilgrims in America. On board the Mayflower, as she lay at anchor, was born Peregrine, son of William and Susanna White. Here was another child for the ship's nursery, already occupied by little Oceanus Hopkins, who first saw the light of day far out at sea.

The death was that of Dorothy May, wife of William Bradford, future governor of Plymouth colony. She was drowned.

First of importance, however, of all that occurred here, and also in the sequence of events, was the drawing up and signing of the famous compact of government, originally designated by Bradford in his history as "a combination." And so it was, in the most literal sense, a combination.

This agreement, made in writing by a little group of Englishmen who had been dismissed by their mother country as "good riddance to bad rubbish," is now treasured by the nation in America, to which they contributed as much as one of three great documents. The other two are the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Begone Dull Facts.

Two friendly little neighbors, aged respectively 4½ and 5 years, recently seated themselves on the curbstone near my windows for a religious discussion. It seemed they had overheard some grown-ups repeating a recent prophecy of a certain sect as to the imminent end of the world and were greatly exercised at the report. The elder child, a fair-haired skeptic from a northern state, scornfully declared that he didn't believe the story; but the swarthy, dark-eyed little Texan solemnly asserted: "Yes, it's true; I know it's true; for this mornin' I read it in mah Bible." The midget doesn't know one letter of the alphabet from another, but he refuses to be pinned down to vulgar facts when his spirit wishes to soar. Are children of the period brighter than their predecessors? At his age I am sure I could not have fished with so solemn and convincing an air.—Los Angeles Times.

Last Christmas, a house in Leeds was visited by an amazing ghost.

A woman, returning home, went into the kitchen to warm herself at the fire. Suddenly she was startled to see two long white arms emerge from the flames. Nearer and nearer they came, until they gripped her arms above the elbow.

The touch was like red hot iron, and she fell fainting to the ground. When she recovered she was surprised to find that there had been no fire in the grate. She visited a doctor, who examined her arms and found distinct signs of burns. This was afterward corroborated by another doctor.—London Mail.

"The Right Kind of Child."

Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back. It loves everything near it, when it is the right kind of child—would hurt nothing, would give the best it has away, always, if you need it—does not lay plans for getting everything in the house for itself, and delights in helping people; you cannot please it so much as by giving it a chance of being useful, in ever so little a way.—John Ruskin.

Chivalrous Lion.

While a workman was oiling the sliding doors of two cages at the Zoological gardens, Regent's park, London, England, says a correspondent, a young lion slipped into the sleeping den of an old tigress. They attacked each other in the semi-darkness, before the lion, apparently discovered that his opponent was a female. He could have killed her with ease, as her claws were feeble and her teeth worn, yet presently both emerged in neighborly fashion from the sleeping den into the show cage in front. They were separated by the keeper, but the tigress, although apparently little hurt, had been bitten deeply in the chest, and died next day from internal hemorrhage. The keeper declared that if the two animals had been of the same sex they would have fought to the bitter death in the sleeping den.

Grammatical Controversy.

The controversy as to the propriety of using "It is me" instead of "It is I" is several centuries old. It arose from the fact that from the earliest times there was in use in the languages of Europe two sounds that served to indicate the person speaking. In English they appear as "I" and "me," the older form of "I" being "ic." In the vernacular of England both forms of the phrase are used, but "It is me" finds greater favor, if one may take literature as indicating preference. Notwithstanding the fact, the grammarians have arrayed themselves against it. Considered etymologically, the correct form is "It am I," and this is the way in which the phrase was used by Chaucer in "The Knights Tale" lines 1463 and 1738.—Literary Digest.

Indians' Use of Oysters.

Long before the advent of the white settlers on the shores of America the Indian tribes living near the Atlantic coast subsisted to a large extent on oysters. In fact, many of the Indians of that period not only made commendable use of oysters at meal time, but they actually used the shells as coin of the realm. These commercially inclined redskins of by-gone centuries converted their oysters into a medium of exchange by drying and smoking them. They would then string them on twigs and carry them to the tribes living in the valleys between the mountains considerable distances from the coast, where they would be used in purchasing buffalo meat and hides and various other articles that were unobtainable along the coast.

Ants Make Biscuits.

According to recent studies of the common Mediterranean ant, the seeds which are collected are kept for a time dry and are eventually put out in the rain so that they begin to germinate. This has the advantage of bursting the hard seed-coats, and in some cases of starting processes of fermentation. At a certain stage, however, the ants kill the embryo plant by biting off the radicle or other parts and the seeds are dried again in the sun. According to Neger the dried seeds of some leguminous plants, for instance, are then taken back into the nest and chewed into dough. This is dried once again in the sun in the form of biscuits, which are eventually put into the cupboard.

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